

INOUE? The President declared that 40 days and 40 nights in Hawaii a Presidential declaration of an emergency. Senator DAN INOUE was doing his job, as any one of us would do if we had torrential rains hitting our States.

We know how strongly JOHN MCCAIN feels about issues dealing with appropriations, but this is beyond the pale. This is beyond the pale to say to DAN INOUE: "Have you no shame?"

I yield the floor.

AMENDMENT NO. 3601

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COBURN). The question is on agreeing to amendment No. 3601 offered by the Senator from Hawaii. The yeas and nays have been ordered. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. McCONNELL. The following Senators were necessarily absent: the Senator from Utah (Mr. HATCH) and the Senator from Wyoming (Mr. THOMAS).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER) and the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) are necessarily absent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 51, nays 45, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 110 Leg.]

#### YEAS—51

Akaka	Durbin	Mikulski
Baucus	Feinstein	Murkowski
Bayh	Harkin	Murray
Bennett	Hutchison	Nelson (FL)
Biden	Inouye	Obama
Bingaman	Jeffords	Pryor
Boxer	Johnson	Reed
Burns	Kennedy	Reid
Byrd	Kerry	Salazar
Cantwell	Kohl	Sarbanes
Clinton	Landrieu	Schumer
Cochran	Lautenberg	Specter
Conrad	Leahy	Stabenow
Dayton	Levin	Stevens
Dodd	Lieberman	Voinovich
Domenici	Lincoln	Warner
Dorgan	Menendez	Wyden

#### NAYS—45

Alexander	DeMint	Lugar
Allard	DeWine	Martinez
Allen	Dole	McCain
Bond	Ensign	McConnell
Brownback	Enzi	Nelson (NE)
Bunning	Feingold	Roberts
Burr	Frist	Santorum
Chafee	Graham	Sessions
Chambliss	Grassley	Shelby
Coburn	Gregg	Smith
Coleman	Hagel	Snowe
Collins	Inhofe	Sununu
Cornyn	Isakson	Talent
Craig	Kyl	Thune
Crapo	Lott	Vitter

#### NOT VOTING—4

Carper	Rockefeller
Hatch	Thomas

The amendment (No. 3601) was agreed to.

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote.

Mrs. MURRAY. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Arizona.

Mr. MCCAIN. I ask unanimous consent to speak for 2 minutes as in morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, I would like to say that Senator INOUE and I have been friends for many years. I believe the process we are doing—obviously, when I see billions and billions of dollars added to an emergency supplemental—is inappropriate and, of course, I in no way would want to—in no manner would I want to offend my friend, Mr. INOUE. If my remarks did so, I apologize for doing so.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Who seeks time?

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. COBURN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MCCAIN). Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. COBURN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to speak for 10 minutes as in morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection? Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Oklahoma is recognized for 10 minutes.

#### OFFSETTING FUTURE SPENDING

Mr. COBURN. Mr. President, we are wrapping up the debate. It is finished on this bill, and we are going to have votes in the morning.

I think we need to ask some questions. We have a supplemental bill. Regardless of the amount of it, it is here. I think there is a real question in the country, and there should be a real question for us, on why we are doing a supplemental bill on the war which we know is happening, and also on projects associated with Katrina and Rita that we know are going to come through the authorization and the appropriations process. I think we need to look at that as a Congress and say why are we doing that, and be very honest about why we are doing it.

The second point I would make is, in emergency legislation we have a lot of things that really aren't emergencies. I think we as a body ought to look at that and use self-discipline.

But the third point is, and this is the one I think the American people are asking, we have a bill out here that is going to spend somewhere between \$94 billion and \$108 billion of taxpayers' money, and there was no attempt whatsoever to offset this spending—nothing. There were attempts on the floor to change it, but there was no attempt to do a rescissions bill. There was no attempt to look at the things where we know there is wasteful spending. There was no attempt to look at some of these things. This is a list of

\$54 billion in potential rescissions that I bet we could agree on \$10 billion or \$11 billion of if everybody knew the facts or the details. But we didn't do that. We didn't ask the Appropriations Committee to do that. It was not asked of them to do that. It is not their fault. They weren't asked to do it. That is the question the American people ought to be asking. Where is the oversight to see if everything is running well?

If you ask the American people: Do you think the Federal Government is efficient, there is not going to be 1 or 2 percent that will say yes. If you ask the American people: Do you think we could do it more efficiently for less money, the vast majority of the American people would agree with that. And that is probably true. If you ask Federal employees, they will tell you that, too.

The question is, Why are we not doing it when we are spending money we don't have? We ought to think about this the next time an emergency supplemental comes around. We ought to make an effort to find the offsets, and we ought to work together across party lines to say how do we secure the things we want. Some of those are different. If you are liberal or conservative, you may want different things. But if you are going to secure the future for those programs that help individuals and go a long way in securing what we need to do to make sure people have an honest, even start in this country, things that are valuable in that regard—whether it be the Food Stamp Program or Head Start or something like that—we are going to run out of money for those.

In 9 short years, 81 percent of our budget is going to be consumed by Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, and interest. We should have the discipline to start now to make the significant changes that we need to make to be able to handle that emergency that is coming. The real emergency is not right now. The emergency is going to happen starting in 2009.

I just ask that we look at that and think about it. How do we answer to the American public that we didn't try to trim any other type of spending as we spend \$104 billion?

With that, I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. COBURN). Who seeks recognition?

Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to call up amendment No. 3819.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?